

Little Locals

Mrs. Granville Shirley, of Cumberland, Md., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thompson.

The attention of farmers and stockmen is invited to the sale of high class stock by Geo. H. Bowers, near Lextown, W. Va., Tuesday, August 3. See advertisement in another column of this issue.

Attorney F. M. Fishong, of Charles Town, was here last week representing Mr. Grigsby in his election contest.

Money to Loan—Money to lend in any amount on Farm Land.

BLACKBURN SMITH, Mrs. J. Mack Clagett has returned from a visit to New York.

Money to Loan—In sums of \$1,000 or more; secured by deed of trust on Real Estate.

Geo. H. Bowers, Atty., Boyce, Va.

Mr. Palmer Campbell, of New York, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Leave your subscription to the Baltimore Sun at the Ricamore Store.

A carload of good 900 pound Steers to sell. Wall.

Mr. Chas. M. Brown came up from Roanoke and spent Sunday with his family here.

Wanting good stock Ewes? Write or see Wall.

Hon. and Mrs. Blackburn Smith have returned from a visit to friends in Washington.

Do you want a car or less of Ewes? See Wall. Cattle too.

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Death of Mrs. Amanda E. Marpel.

Mrs. Amanda E. Marpel, widow of the late Mr. George E. Marpel, of Frederick county, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. P. L. Hannum, south of Berryville, on Monday, shortly after noon.

Mrs. Marpel was born in Fauquier county, January 11, 1822. She was married in 1844, and had been a widow for 33 years, her husband having died in 1876.

She has been a consistent member of the M. E. Church for 50 years.

The funeral will be held from the Berryville M. E. Church, South, this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. I. G. Michael, and interment will be made in Green Hill Cemetery.

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She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. P. L. Hannum; her grandson, Mr. Howard Hannum; two nieces, Mrs. Pyne, of Paris, and Mrs. Settle, of Middletown, and two nephews, Mr. John Thompson, of Round Hill, and Mr. Zack Thompson, of Prince William county.

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Thompson Raps Koiner.

The following speech was delivered at Warrenton on Monday by Hon. John Thompson Brown: In his speech at Charlottesville, July 23, Mr. Koiner attempts to meet the issue raised as to the fertilizer bill, for the preparation and passage of which he claims the credit.

Mr. Koiner deprecates vituperation and slander and so do I, but I defy Mr. Koiner to prove there is any slander in a demonstration of the unfitness of a public officer by a direct appeal to his record.

When that record shows him guilty of falsehood and deception there is no vituperation if that fact is stated and proved.

I do not care to landy epithets with Mr. Koiner, but I will analyze his answer as I find it published and show that it is more luminous in what it omits than in what it contains.

He says that I tell the people absolutely nothing of my public record. When I announced my candidacy, the press kindly noticed my services as representative from my county in the Legislature and in the Constitutional Convention.

Also as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College for 16 years, 10 years of which I was Rector of the Board.

My record speaks for itself and I defy Mr. Koiner to find anything in the whole of it that is discreditable to me as a man or representative, and while I dislike to blow my own trumpet, I may be pardoned if I refer to two services I have actually rendered Virginia, and particularly the agricultural population, that measure up in usefulness to my claim that Mr. Koiner can make for himself and vastly more than he can prove.

In securing, in conjunction with Dr. McBray, the passage of the Cattle Quarantine Act and administering it for 10 years as its Chairman, I rendered the cattle section of Virginia a service which has been of great value, in that cattle in Northern and Western Virginia have been protected from infection from ticky cattle below the quarantine line, and the whole interest relieved from the restrictions threatened by the National Government and actually imposed before the mentioned act was passed.

As the mover, and successful advocate without assistance on the floor in the Constitutional Convention, of the amendment "Except public roads," to the prohibition of the Old Constitution, so that it now reads, "Nor shall the State become a party to or become interested in any work of internal improvement, except public roads," I laid deep and sure in the Constitution itself the foundation that alone makes possible the new movement for good roads, that is sweeping the State and which promises so much for the upbuilding of this old Commonwealth.

I can justly lay claim to some credit for this, as without my forethought and persistence in making a fight for this amendment, which I did three times before I was successful in securing its passage, what the State is now doing would be impossible.

Can Mr. Koiner prove an equal service?

As to Mr. Koiner's connection with the fertilizer bill for the preparation and passage of which he now claims the credit.

I have made no statement that Mr. Koiner, "Was in collusion with the fertilizer people in opposition to the tonnage tax bill," but Hon. T. J. Stratton of Appomattox, now member of the House of Delegates, and the author of the Tonnage Bill defeated by the fertilizer people in 1897—two years before Mr. Koiner was appointed—and author of the bill that became a law in 1899, does make the statement, and it is backed up by the written statement of Hon. J. R. Horsley, now Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County and member of the House of Delegates in the session of 1899 and the patron of the fertilizer bill passed in that year.

In refutation of the specific charge thus made—in speeches at Lebanon, July 6, and Tazewell, July 13, and published—Mr. Koiner had no answer to make until I charged from the stamp in Harrisonburg, on July 19, that "Mr. Koiner's administration reeks with the stench of falsehood and deception." This had enough dynamite in it to make him try to defend himself, and he succeeded in securing a letter from Hon. W. D. Caldwell. Mr. Koiner, however, does not make it clear that he quotes Mr. Caldwell's letter in full, but what he does quote is by no means conclusive, but says, and the wording would rather imply that something going before it had been omitted "I do know that your earnest and active support at the time it was pending, both in the committee and before the two houses, made the impression upon me, that you had sole charge of it for your bill." Made the impression is very good, but hardly strong enough to meet the direct and explicit statements of Messrs. Stratton and Horsley, the author and patron of the bill. Mr. Koiner succeeded in making many false impressions and he was doubtless already climbing into the band wagon and had to do so quickly as the bill was offered December 13-14 and passed on December 21.

If Mr. Koiner did all he said he did in regard to this bill, why was it that he did not get the representatives of the County of Augusta, from which he hailed, to offer the bill, and not leave it to Mr. Horsley and Mr. Flood of Appomattox, from which County Mr. Stratton came and which he now represents in the House of Delegates? Was it because Mr. Koiner no longer claimed Augusta as his home? He has shaken the dust of Augusta from his feet and is now registered

in the first precinct, Clay Ward, of Richmond City.

Is Mr. Koiner of Augusta or Mr. Koiner of Richmond City, the former (I) candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture?

I have vainly tried up to this time to get any public expression from Mr. Koiner, and I thank him for coming out of his hole.

He makes another interesting statement in his speech at Charlottesville, "Twelve hundred brands of fertilizer were sampled by inspectors and analyzed last year," and seems to take great pride in this accomplishment. His annual report shows that only 1,277 samples were drawn.

I have proved from his own letters, which he cannot dispute, that he construed the law to apply only to the lot from which the samples were drawn; therefore only those purchasers were protected who bought from the lot from which said samples were drawn, practically one sample to a brand.

Was this accident or design? I quote another of his letters of great interest and importance in this connection:

Richmond, Va., April 13, 1908.

Mr. FRANK WRIGHT, 17 Union Street, Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to again call your attention to the fact that you are sending in too many duplicate samples. When you draw a sample of a particular brand, check it off your book and do not draw another of that brand during this season unless there is a special request for it during this season.

Hoping you will be more particular in the future, I am, Yours very truly,

G. W. KOINER, Commissioner.

Does the Commissioner represent the interest of the farmers or that of the manufacturer?

Judge for yourself.

In my Harrisonburg speech, which Mr. Koiner attempted to answer at Charlottesville, I used these words, "The friction between the Commissioner and the Board of Agriculture was in no sense personal, but grew out of an attempt of Mr. Koiner to sneak through the Legislature of 1903 a substitute bill conferring the power of appointment of certain officers of the Department of Agriculture upon himself, leaving the Board of Agriculture advisory, when he had sat with the said Board and the joint committee on agriculture of the House and Senate, and had heard it stated in his presence without objection, or correction from him, that he was in full accord with the measure of the Board of Agriculture as perfected and finally presented for passage."

I have shown upon the written testimony of the president of the Board of Agriculture and of the joint committee on Agriculture of the House and Senate that Mr. Koiner denied all knowledge of such a substitute or any responsibility for its being offered, and I have produced a copy of his own letter to a Senator inclosing the substitute and requesting his support of it, and I have added, "This evidence I have quoted in speeches delivered at Boydton June 21, Abington June 29, Lebanon July 6 and Tazewell July 13 and the speeches have been printed in full in the press time and time again."

This incident is equally as discreditable to Mr. Koiner as the fertilizer matter, and he makes no allusion to it whatever in his answer nor has he ever referred to it elsewhere at any time.

To make good my charge, nothing more is needed.

I might refer to the undisputed fact that he accepted Federal appointment in 1906 as State Statistician, vacating his position to which he was elected by the people in 1905 and when found out and forced by the Board of Agriculture to resign office he pleaded innocence and was then re-elected by the Board whose members he now denounces for their exposure of his practices.

Mr. Beverley states in the Southern Planter in June, "After Mr. Koiner had been informed that the Attorney General had violated the law, and after the Board, acting in good faith, on his plea of innocence, had re-elected him to an office he had forfeited, he simply had his daughter's name substituted for his own as a dummy on the records at Washington, continued having the State's clerks do his bidding."

Is not this attempted deception? Every letter I have seen that has been sent out by Mr. Koiner in this canvass—and I have had many given me—was enclosed in an envelope of the State Department of Agriculture bearing the seal of the State, the name of the Department and his own name as Commissioner and under all the word, "Official."

If the communication is an official one the State should bear the cost and pay for the envelope and stamp.

Is this done it is graft. If this is not done the word "Official" is an attempt to deceive.

Let Mr. Koiner take his choice. Graft or Deception.

Many further instances might be cited to prove my charge that Mr. Koiner as Commissioner of Agriculture reeks with the stench of falsehood and deception.

But is not this enough? The voters will decide.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS
ELECTRIC FANS
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I am prepared to handle all kinds of electrical work such as house wiring for electric lights, bells, private telephones, machine and fixture installation.
Nothing too large or too small.
FIRST CLASS WORK GUARANTEED
Special attention given to the equipping of finished buildings and isolated plants.
All this class of work looked after personally and not entrusted to apprentice boys as most firms do. All wiring installed under the undersigned's rules and guaranteed to be first class in every particular. Ten years experience in this line of work. Let me give you the benefit of this experience.
Estimates and specifications furnished on request.
A postal card or telephone message will bring full particulars, or a representative.

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